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- 1. DOCUMENT PER REFTEL HAS BEEN CLEARED AT ALL FUNCTIONAL LEVELS WITHIN SECRETARIAT AND IS NOW AWAITING REVIEW BY THE DG. A DECISION HAS BEEN PROMISED ON A FINAL DRAFT BY AUGUST 8. SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES, HOWEVER, THAT DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE TRANSLATED AND DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST, OR MORE PROBABLY THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER.
- 2. NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON VENUE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING, ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT ZAMBIA WILL HOST MEETING AS WE HAD THOUGHT EARLIER. APPARENTLY, INTENSE PRESSURE, PRESUMABLY EMANATING FROM ARABS, IS BEING APPLIED TO SECRETARIAT NOT TO HOLD MEETING IN LUSAKA, AND GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITSELF IS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, OWING TO OBVIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS IT WOULD FACE. OTHER BLACK AFRICAN CAPITALS SUCH AS ABIDJAN (WHICH SECRETARIAT FAVORS), DAKAR, AND LAGOS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS ALTERNATIVES, BUT THIS IS NOT MUCH BETTER THAN RUMOR. WE ARE TOLD THAT FINAL DECISION WILL BE FORTHCOMING BY AUGUST 8. HARTMAN

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